

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

January 7, 2008

In re Application of:

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Serial No.	:	10/821,392	Group Art Unit: 1742
Filed	:	April 9, 2004	Examiner: Weiping Zhu
For	:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING FERROTUNGSTEN AND OTHER TUNGSTEN ALLOYS, ARTICLES FORMED THEREFROM AND METHODS FOR DETECTING THE SAME	

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
AND SUBMISSION OF TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

This is a response to the final Office action that was issued on September 13, 2007, in connection with the above-identified patent application. In the Office action, the only issue was a rejection of all pending claims under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of Applicant's U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/041,873, which has now issued on May 15, 2007 as U.S. Patent No. 7,217,389. Applicant has studied the reasons expressed in the Office action and in a telephone interview on January 4, 2008 with Supervisory Examiner Roy King, and Applicant continues to respectfully traverse the rejections. However, and in view of the final nature of the Office action, Applicant submits the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer with respect to the cited '389 patent.

With the entry of the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer, Applicant submits that the obviousness-type double patenting rejections in the final Office action are now rendered moot. Accordingly, and since this was the only issue contained in the final Office action, Applicant submits that all presently pending claims are in a condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, or if there are any remaining issues, Applicant expressly requests that Applicant's undersigned attorney be contacted at the number listed below. Similarly, if the Examiner believes that a telephone interview may be productive in advancing prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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